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* * Freedom an't a gift
That tarries long in han's o' cowards! -J. R. Lowell.

In the bright lexicon of Roosevelt there is no such word as "support."

What has become of the old-fashloned man who used to object to the candidacy of Colonel Roosevelt on the antithird term basis?

"American citizens will be benefited by peace," says Ambassador Gerard. Some of the munitions factory laborers drawing down \$10 and \$12 per day will be hard to convince.

After all, the report that Justice Hughes is the one candidate who will be acceptable to the German-American element may be only a campaign canard originated by the opposition.

"What the Republican party needs at this critical functure," oracles Penrose, "is a man who"-(Yes, yes, go on, Senator; we're on tiptoe for the rest of it)-"Is a man who can-win-in-November."

How strange that at the New York meeting to boost the idea of turning forward the clock to save daylight and electric light expenses the chief objection should come from an electric light company agent.

Now that he is to have chief command of the pavy, Admiral Mayo might consider repairing to Tampico and taking up, under the head of unfinished business, the little matter of that salute which was never saluted.

on Memorial Day, invented a style of warfare which "made each man equivalent to a hundred." Oh, for a Mosby now for our border work!

said vesterday morn ing that the only thing he feared was overconfidence. Whereupon the Phillies removed all cause for that fear by ending the Giants' winning streak.

Magistrate Stevenson was not so very stern when he "sternly gave the automobilist the alternative of thirty days in the county prison or of paying a \$10 fine." Don't be afraid, Mr. Stevenson; all the automobilists aren't in the social reg-

We might arouse more enthusiasm over the stories of the Kaiser's anxiety that Germans in the United States obey the laws of this country if we did not read in the next column an account of his decorating Captain Boy-Ed with the Order of the Red Eagle.

The new "preparedness quarters" will show Liberty with arm upraised and a shield, and are, says Mr. McAdoo, "intended to typify in a measure the awakening interest of the country in its own protection." But on the reverse side is an American eagle-"in full flight."

It was a triffe austere of Mr. Trainer to suggest that automobiles used by servants of the city be labeled as city property with letters three inches high. It is not difficult to sympathize with those who on "Auto Grab Day" replied to the suggestion with shricks of mingled rage and horror. Fancy taking the family on a joy ride to the shore in an auto labered "Sewer Inspection"! Mr. Trainer's point need not be pressed. But his idea is really not a bad one at all. The expense of giving city officials rides on unofficial business will not bankrupt the municipulity, but anything which emphasizes the tremendous importance of public servants' duties is in line with an important sentiment. Public office is a serious, often a most difficult sacrifice. It is no disgrace to be labeled in such

In a fantastic tale of Arnold Bennatt's an observer is privileged to see in tangible form the souls of the departed and to discern with unearthly clarity the ilden motives of man's complex life. He makes the point that the chief charscientific of a strong man's soul is its levying a tariff on dyestuffs and the reat kindness. It is such a "glimpse beyond" that one has of the late Dr. J. William White-his soul is in his will. As he walked among us he seemed primarily the blunt and aggressive fighter, man who was strongly for the survival of the fit and with little sympathy for the levying of an adequate and intelliconklings. But his will shows that an gently framed duty on the materials enalte light was upperment in his heart. | tering into the manufacture of dyes. mark in the rare to save timbers great issue, whether the country knows There is the falth and size it or the

plicity of a hig-hearted child in his \$5000 fond, the interest of which is to go to one worthy prisoner at the penitentlary each year to give him a new start in life That bequest is a rebuke to those who raised questions about the physician's orthodoxy. To remember the weak, even those who have gone behind jail doors, is to remember those "little ones" whom On the clean athletic body. men are bidden to remember, but who are seldom remembered even to the extent of the price of a cup of cold water.

"YOUR OWN RIGHT HAND"

In the triumph of honest individual-ism against graft and paternalism lies the significance of James J. Hill. His aucress was the best kind of Ameri-

TOU will find, in the long run, that i I is a man's own right hand that eaches him terrible things," a college president once said when he welcomed a new class. He could hardly have found In the men of our immediate time a more striking example than James J. Hill. His here's a little extra measure from the death has in a way restored his life, for every event and moment of his career has ecome public. Remarkable in every feature, his career is most inspiring in its independence. He had neither Aaron nor Hur to uphold his hands, but his hands were strong and clean and they taught him the mastery of men, which is a terrible thing.

The personal inspiration which comes from his life, which started in such humble simplicity and ended in such simple magnificence, is not comparable to the national inspiration evoked by the methods of his success. Many men have been successful and have been worshiped. Few have had in their success such enduring qualities. Foreign critics insist that success itself is an American quality, but they refer to the unscrupulous and immoral ventures which have made the very name of millionaire suspect. The success of James J. Hill was not of that order. It was honest and was won singlehanded. There was nover a scandal connected with his name, never a political steal to forward his fortunes, never a suspicion of stock jobbing, of made panics, of coalitions and compines. While others cried for subsidy or protection, he went alone, firm in the belief that the hand of man could conquer the world.

The whole tradition of our American life is that human ingenuity can circumvent and triumph over the forces of nature. To "Jim" Hill nature in the Northwest showed her most forbidding face. Before he controlled a mile of road or a single wheel of rolling stock the plague of locusts fell upon the country with devastating regularity. There was but one crop on which the farmers of the Northwest could depend. The totals of their shipping could not keep a railroad alive. The district was not populated, the incentives were lacking. Further south a railroad had been built with all the efforts of the Government added to individual enterprise. The railroads already built or building in the Northwest were bankrupt. That was forty years ago, and it is hard to throw ourselves back into the barren chaos of those days.

But "Hill's Folly" was destined to become the Great Northern. The wind and the waves are proverbially on the side of the bravest mariners, and for "Jim" Hill the plague of grasshoppers ended sud-Mosby, famous Confederate cav- denly. But he, through the driving force alryman, whose passing fell by odd chance of his enthusiasm and the persuasive power of his calm, reasoning mind, enrolled under him men whom he could direct in the work of crushing nature. He built his road and he puilt new crops and new industries, and finally he built McGraw, after winning seventeen character. He gave the country served by his roads a new income in live stock, ing forty million dollars in four years on an investment of a quarter of a mil-Hon. But a gain of 16,000 per cent. could not measure the value of his work.

> What the Northwest saw in the work of 'Jim" Hill grew in importance when the West remembered. It remembered that Tweed was the type of American politician and the Credit Mobilier the type of American financial methods. The people had come to believe the Senate and House were guilty of low fraud and cunning deceit, and the game of political jobbery was only second in their minds to Government subsidies as the condition of success. Before Tweed was dead, before the scandal of the Credit Mobiller had died down, the West saw "Jim" Hill rise to confute their power. They saw him. like Antaeus, grow in strength as rail after rail touched the rich earth of his empire. His power was of the soil, his riches were the fruitfulness of the land. Before his life ended he was engaged in the most intricate financial ventures of his time, but he never lost that serene connection with simple things which was his fundamental resource.

His life is an answer and a rebuke to more modern cowardice. He did not invoke the power of politics in his business He did not believe in the necessity of Government aids to industry or commerce. He stood rooted against Government interference and Government ownership. He fought, as against Harriman, with the ferocity of a wild animal protecting its young, to save his system, because it was so much his personal property, his work and his achievement. The passion of creation flamed in him as in any other artist. Like every artist he scorned the aid of the world in working out his fortune. He was a great individualist and a great man. If the country is not to see his like again, it has, in more senses than one, lost its most striking character.

TARIFF ISSUE WILL NOT DOWN

FIRE accuracy of Mr. Hughes' characterization of the Democracy as the party of vaciliation and ineptitude is demonstrated by the latest reports from Washington. The House leaders have decided to recommend the passage of a law chemicals used in their manufacture in order that the dye industry may be developed here.

The protectionists have been urging such a tariff for a long time, but the opposition has been strong enough to prevent ils bequest to his University will enable | Every one now admits that if we are to he medical school to expand tremen- be independent of Europe we must make sly: It is not for Doctor White's be- our own dyes, even if they do cost a little athlates' encouragement that the more of first. The Republicans underby is to so, but for those who have stand turiff making. The tariff is the

Tom Daly's Column

THE HOLIDAY CROWD 2711 Y41 Who am If I'm a sort of festive tumor You know Me, Bol

Aheays "in the best of humor" "Speah'ly if I've had me toddy) And square

While the game breaks right for me. If it doesn't-hully chee! Bescare! I'm there-"Kill the empire! Git his shroud!"

You know me. Sure, Mike! I'm the splendid, sportsmanlike

Holiday Crowd. TUST to prove that no mistake was made in awarding the bunch of roses, winner, a sonnet crowded out of Yester-

RESURGAM

When I return to earth again-build thou No stately mausoleum for my grave, (No polished slab of marble do I crave With richly chiseled letters) nor allow Aspiring shafts of granite to arise,

Strew not fresh flowers on a holiday, Nor cut the riotous weeds and grass away;

But let me rest unnoticed 'neath the skies

For flowers fade, and granite falls away, White marble crumbles into dust, the teind Will tear the flags to tatters, and the

rain And moss will blur my name-while yet my clay

Shall revel in the grasses, unconfined, And, flushed with our and rain, find Life again.

WILL LOU.

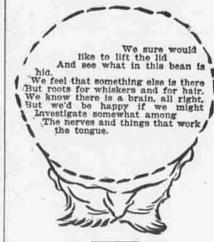
Union Stuff

TT'S too bad you don't frequent the sa L loons, writes Drinkwater. You'd find lots of good stuff. You might even have go first hand, as I did, this little thing, which happened in the Adelphia bar. The bartender's night relief (German) was just coming on. He was crawling into his white duck coat, but wasn't due to begin mixing poison for several minutes by the

"Say, Julius, get me one Carolina perecto from the cigar stand, will yer?" "I ain't here yet," said Julius.

Bean Boundaries

XIV CHARLES EVANS HUGHES



ONE may find many real opportunities if one takes the trouble to look through the classified ads, writes G. W. D. For inclassification Painting" I noticed the other day in my favorite evening paper that the only two advertisers offered this combination:

The first offered to work for "30 per cent. ess than usual prices.

The second announced "prices a third less than any other shop in Philadelphia." Now if there had only been a third adver tiser it might have been possible for one to get his work done for nothing.

One Kick Only

Our officeholders often shirk Their work from day to day. They'll kick and growl at overwork But not at overpay.

We Have Yet to See BOY at the newsstand who, not hav

A ing the New York Tribune, for which we inquire, fails to say, "I got the Sun American, Herald, Times," etc., etc. The holiday mood that crowds are sup posed to be in. A Grouch. Read Sartor Resartus

Sir-Isn't it part of your duty to the this: I'm endeavoring to interest merchant tailors in the necessity of building into men's suits a pocket large enough to take an unabridged dictionary. I'll tell you why. The other day a man remarked to me that my conduct was caseate, and he got away before I had a chance to look it up. sort of thing is happening all the time. What can be done? DUBB.

Sir-Room, please, for an epitaph for the father of 19 children. The lines were writ-ten by himself. All his life he lived next door to a boiler factory and a "tinpan alley" concern. He died very recently,
"Earth and stones may cover my bones,
While over my head the old wind moans; But what care I, though worms may creep For I, at last, am fast asleep!

WARREN, PA., the other day we A saw a bridal party on the station platform and just over their heads a large sign across the street read, "Mutual Refining Company," Gosh! That's just

O billets down I used to write From early morn to late at night To all the maidens that I knew! (They, not to boast, were quite a feu Nor was a single one a fright).

what marriage is, isn't it?

And I became more erudite It was quite ordinary to Once billets doug. But now that Leap Year casts its blight

Then as the swift years took their flight

Upon each single manly wight, I feel quite mournful, sad and blue Because too many maidens true With eager anxious pens invite, Oh, Billy, da!

P. VILLAIN.

Will somebody please tell us why a car rings salasroom is always a "carriage repository"? There is one in Germantown right alongside of a tonsocial partur.





MANY ARE CALLED, BUT-

THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Superintendent Garber Urges Parents to Co-operate With Schools in Teaching the Children Caution in the Streets-A Single Taxer Opposes Private Ownership-Other Matters

This Department is free to all readers who wish to express their opinions on subjects of current interest. It is an open forum, and the Evening Ledger assumes no responsibility for the views of its correspondents.

DANGER IN THE STREETS

To the Editor of Evening Ledger: Sir-We appreciate the importance of get ting our school children to realize the perils to life and limb prevailing in our city streets to those who fall to look both ways before crossing a street, or who at-tempt to cross in front of street cars, or who take chances by playing on the streets, or who attempt to jump on moving ve-hicles, etc., and believe we have accom-plished a great deal in our attempts to prevent these things.

In our efforts we have had the hearty co-operation of the Philadelphia Rapid co-operation of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company and of the Police De-partment of the city, as well as of many of the parents. However, in view of the large number of fatal accidents since the first of the year, the matter is of such mo-ment that we should endeavor more fully to impress upon parents the necessity of their intelligent and persistent assistance in our efforts. The heavy traffic of many of the streets, and especially the great numpeople in their thoughtlessness to compre-hend, and the vital importance of which the home does not realize until it is some JOHN S. GARBER, times too late. Superintendent of Schools.

Philadelphia, May 29. THANKS FROM CAMDEN

To the Editor of Evening Ledger: Sir-As chairman of the Publicity Com mittee of the Camden Civic Celebration and Exposition of Industries, which proved great success in every particular, I am writing to express the appreciation of our city for the splendid support given this project through the columns of your paper. The spirit of the press was most helpful to us and we trust you will appreciate the sincerity of our gratitude W. L. TUSHINGHAM.

Chairman Publicity Committee. Camden, N. J., May 29.

PRIVATE OWNERSHIP OPPOSED

To the Editor of Evening Ledger; Sir-For some years past Single Taxers have depended on the will of the voter, working through the old party machinery to bring about the establishment of their great reform. Such a course necessarily meant that we had to "go slow," or, in other words, observe or "keep under cover" the one big issue of our reform—namely, mdying opposition to private property in

This has been proved a lamentable mis take. Moral principle has been kept in the background, and many seemingly favorable advocates of the single tax are only so advocates of the single tax are only so because they see in it a better, easier method of acquiring governmental revenue, and that but a partial application of our remedy was all that is necessary. The political parties, whom we tried to seduce with these unwise, but well meant, pretensions, have failed to "take the bait," and the masses of the old party voters are just as carcless and indifferent to the marits of our reform as if we had made no attempt at their regeneration. empt at their regeneration.

From this time on, however, a Single Tax party will be in the political field. We are now out in the open. There is yet time, now out in the open. There is yet time, through the wise action of the voters in handling the peaceful weapon of the ballot, to right the monstrons wrong of private land ownership. Land is the source from which and on which men must draw their sustenance, and denial of access to this

DO CHEERS MEAN VOTES?

A saying of William Jennings Bryan, recorded 29 years ago, when he first ran for President, carns a new interest as a sidelight upon the tremendaus ovation which Colonel Roosevelt is winning in the West. Said Bryan after his defeat: "Nothing deceived me more than the crowds. I felt sure I would be elected becrowds.

crowds. I felt sure I would be elected because the people cheered and applauded me to the echo and came out in such numbers to hear me speak. But in those places where the crowds had been greatest and the enthusiasm most encouraging my vots was surprisingly low. I have come to the conclusion that it is impossible to estimate voting strength by cheers." No campaigners in recent American history have been able to draw crowds as large as those that came out to cheer Bryan and Hoossvelt. In 1912, in some communities where the cheers had been loudest for the Colonel, the returns in November showed that he had failen behind both Taft and Colonsi, the returns in November showed that he had fallen benind both Taft and

BETWEEN SUNRISE AND SUNSET bornebody has figured out that we have 0.000,000 mso available for military duty-on precedent indicates that 17,568,000 sould vofunteer in case of a war of decreas.—Florida Times-Union.

source, either by lawful or unlawful methods, is not only unwise and unscientific, but is foolishly criminal. If the voters fail to respond to our call and private ownership of land is permitted to pursue its evil course until the masses of the people are landless slaves, disinherited, embittered men will not use the same peaceful methods that are now open to their use. In righting their wrongs the Single Tax party proposes to atone for its past sins of omis-sion by present and future acts of political

OLIVER McKNIGHT. Philadelphia, May 29, UNFAIR TO ROOSEVELT

only means of averting anarchy and revolu-

To the Editor of Evening Ledger: Sir-Permit me to protest against the spirit manifested in your editorial of May 24, entitled "Unfair to Hughes." The shoe is on the other foot. It is clearly "unfair to Roosevelt." It is a perfectly gratuitous assumption on your part that the Colonel must necessarily have been referring to Hughes only. If Mr. Hughes would like to be the Republican candidate for the Presthe streets, and especially the great number of swiftly moving automobiles and street cars, are rapidly increasing the necessity for care and caution on the streets—a fact that it is not easy to get young people in their thoughtlesses of the Republican candidate for the Presidency, let him openly state his views. I believe most every one will agree that it would not be proper for a Justice of the United States Supreme Court to be at the same time a candidate for any political of Well, the alternative is plain. him resign. But the people of the United States, in this crisis, should never be asked to consider for their greatest office, a Sphinx, be he ever so bewhiskered and re spectable. Of course, Hughes is not yet a candidate for the Presidency; he is only a candidate for the nomination, and so by a quibble it could be claimed that he is not yet under moral obligations to declare him-self. But the point is that this would be merely quibbling, and one of the most im-portant duties in America today is to brush aside all quibbling, all shuffling, all at-

tempts to carry water on both shoulders, and to place before the people the one su-preme issue—which in all its varying

phases is at root one issue-between Ameri-

canism and Hyphenism, Patriotism and Pacifism, Preparing and Repairing. The action of Mr. Hughes in allowing a campaign in his behalf to be made and vigorously prosecuted without a word from him as to his views or without his stating that he is definitely not a candidate, has rendered him unfit for the Presidency by showing that he has no conception of the situation and that he does not understand the attitude in which he has put himself. Henry Ford may be the dupe of fanatics, the victim of illusions; but, at least, the people know where he stands. In his attitude there is nothing discreditable to him as a man, and in this respect he is more ionorable and more worthy of trust than Mr. Hughes. The people should repudiate right now any man who aspires to be a candidate but who remains silent. The hought persists that the Hughes backers picked him for this very reason. No mat-ter what his legal abilities, no matter what his personal character, a man whose view is so distorted that he cannot see this im-propriety in his own conduct would be a most dangerous pilot of the Ship of State in the thick weather ahead. Philadelphia, May 29. DRACO.

"WHEN I AM BOSS"

To the Editor of Evening Ledger: Sir—Allow me to praise your excellen editorial entitled "When I Am Boss." agree with its conclusions, and am always looking for such editorials. It is interesting to me for a peculiar reason, and that reason is that I was the kind of person you speak of for at least 40 years of my life.

ORIGINAL THINKER.

Philadelphia May 29. Philadelphia, May 29,

Of course the indispensable man does not exist. But what would Great Britain do without David Lloyd-George?-New Bryan is going to the St. Louis convention

NATIONAL POINT OF VIEW

as a reporter. Some reporter ought to grab off a few Chautauqua dates and got even.—Detroit Free Press. The American people are prepared to for-give Senator Tiliman for a good deal of his past in consideration of his present stand on preparedness.—Richmond News-Leader.

The opposition to adequate defense most of its strength from the indifference of a large though increasing number of the American people. This indifference is intrenched behind a sort of mythology which does duty for history in popular school books.—Chicago Tribune.

The change in sentiment is amazing, representing a difference of more than 200,000 votes in four years. It is fair to assume that the vote in the Keystane State does not register pep-Penrose sentiment so much as an anti-Roseevelt reaction. Penrose is in no sense a reference, but he is profitting by the datactyum.—Pearla (III.) Tramscript.

What Do You Know?

Queries of general interest will be answered in this column. Ten questions, the answers to which every well-informed person should know, are asked daily.

QUIZ

1. What is the present occupation of former President Taft?

2. Who was "Ossawatomle Brown"?
3. Where is Petty's Island?

4. How did the article of clothing known as "bloomers" get its name? 5. When was the Battle of the Sea of Japan fought, and who won it?

6. About when was the former attempt on the life of Colonel Roosevelt? 7. What part did General Guilleni play in the defense of Paris?

8. Is the arrangement of keys on a typewriter standardized or hapharard?

commission. It has a plan to restore to men their stolen heritage of earth as the What is the shape of the home plate on a baseball diamond?

10. How long has the battle of Verdun been raging? Answers to Yesterday's Quiz

J. P. Morgan, J. J. Hill and E. H. Harriman were chiefly interested in the Northern Securities Company.
 Allbretto is the book or words of an opera or other extended composition.

The Mason and Dixon line was fixed to decide the boundary dispute between Maryland and Pennsylvania.
 John Weaver was Mayor 10 years ago.

"The prophecy of St. Malachy" professed to give a list of 141 appropriate mottoes for the Popes.

6. The British call freight trains "goods trains."

7. Justice Hughes is 54 years old.

8. First degree murder is punishable by life im-prisonment in Kansas, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, North Dakota, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Washington and Wisconsin. 9. It is 11 o'clock in St. Paul when it is 12 o'clock in Philadelphia. 10. Four hundred and ninety-six votes are required to nominate in the Republican convention.

Meaning of Red Tape 'Editor of "What Do You Know"-Kindly explain the meaning of "red tape" and "blue" laws, and why they are so called.

Red tape means official formality, so called because lawyers and Government officials in England generally used red tape to tie their papers together. The Blue Laws were puritanical laws enacted in 1732 in Connecticut. Their object was to stamp ou heresy and enforce a strict observance of the Sabbath. The expression is used now to denote any laws of a similar nature which have remained on the statute books as a heritage of the days when puritanical nolons were more popular than they are now and also to denote laws made at this time which the person using the derisive term considers antiquated. There is some doubt as to the reason they were called "blue," but this was probably in reference to the color of the Conservative party in England, which is blue, or to the color which is the symbol of divine eternity, owing to the r ligious character of the statutes of 1732.

Library Courses and Chevy Chase

Editor of "What Do You Know"-Can you tell me where I can take a library course, and of what does it consist? Is it necessary to go to Harrisburg or New York? I have heard that a camp similar to the one at Chevy Chase is going to be held here at Philadelphia in the fall. Is that true? If so, how can I join it, and to where the write? whom must I write?

There are excellent library courses at Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, and Carnegle Library, Pittsburgh. Some libraries in this city and vicinity train their own employes, and it would be advisable to seek particulars from the head librarians of such in-stitutions as you would desire to work for. There is a movement under way to have a There is a movement their way to have a camp similar to the one at Cheyy Chase in this city next fall. For particulars write to Mrs. Payne, the wife of Lieutenant Commander Payne, United States Naval Asymptotic Commander Command Gray's Ferry road and Fitzwater

Meaning of "U-Boat"

G. P. P.—In regard to the meaning of the "U" in "U-boat," the German Embassy at Washington gives the information that "U-boat stands for Unterseeboot, the German expression for submarine."

Holidays in the Coal Region

Editor of "What Do You Know"-I have en told that the foreign born minthe Pennsylvania coal regions observe al-most as many holidays as the Russian peasants. Can you give me any informati on the subject? AMERICAN.

Seward's Coal Trade Manual says that there are 23 religious and secular holidays observed by the authracite miners. Some of the holidays are celebrated by only part of the workers. These are the holy days of the Greek Church. Others affect them all and compel the complete cessation of work in mines.

Mahomet

L. E. D.—Mahomet's dates are 570-632 The Hegira was 622 A. D.

German Shell-makers' Speed

R. D. D.—it is estimated that \$60,000 balls are manufactured dally in Germany

HUGHES MAY BE A MAN OF DESTINY

Shelved by Taft in 1910 He Be comes Hope of His Party in 1916-History Repeating Itself

TT WAS an Irish paradoxist who a I marked that as history repeats lines and the unexpected always happens a impossible to profit by the teachings of experience. If he had chosen to be seen ous he might have said that men fall is profit by the teachings of experience he cause they fall to learn the lessons a before them, rather than because of the

contradiction of the ancient epigrama There is no class of men more impr vious to the lessons of the past than the professional politicians. The world be for them with the deal in which they are engaged at the moment and it ends when that deal is consummated. Not one is thousand of them understands anythis about the psychology of popular ag ment. "The public be damned; we are attending to this thing," is what the think when they do not say it. But the public refuses to be damned, for the reson that it denies the jurisdiction of the politicians and disputes their power is enforce their verdict, and it has a dis concerting way of taking things into me own hands.

All the signs this year indicate that history is to repeat itself in Chicago in spite of the efforts of designing men to plan events to suit themselves. They have forgotten the 1880 campaign and the campaign of 1900.

How Garfield Was Nominated The professional politicians, who had

reaped a rich harvest during the eight years of Grant, had planned to renominate him. They had almost enough dele gates pledged to carry the conventi-The opposition was determined that whoever was nominated it should not be Grant. But they were not agreed on any candidate. The Onio delegation was committed to John Snerman and Sherman had strong support in other States. Garfield, one of the ablest men in Congress, headed the Ohio delegation and put Sherman in nomination. He was not a candidate, though he received a few votes in the early balloting. He had fought loyally for Sherman without antagonizing the other candidates. As bal lot after ballot was taken without result the impression gained strength that he was the man on whom all could agree, and pretty soon there was a stampede to him from all the States not committed irrevocably to Grant. Garfield was finally nominated because agreement could be reached on no one else.

There is more than a remote possibility that something like this may happen in Chlcago.

It is more likely, however, that the broader sweep of history, beginning with the 1900 convention and culminating no one knows when, will begin to be dupitcated this year. Colonel Roosevelt was nominated for the Vice Presidency in the national convention in this city to lay him on a shelf and get him out of the way of Senator Platt, the New York boss. McKinley was a sassinated, Roose velt entered the White House and the man whom the bosses rejected became a boss in his own right bigger than any

who had tried to send him into oblivion. Taft Put Hughes On the Shelf President Taft set out in 1910 to get rid of Hughes as a possible rival by appointing him to the Supreme Court bench. Hughes had received a di large support for the presidential nom-

ination in 1908, and if Taft were to be

renominated Hughes must be clim-

If Hughes had been marked by Destiny for the Republican nomination this year. events could not have conspired better to make him available. He went on the bench two years before the great split in the party in 1912. It was possible for him to keep aloof from the bitter factional fight which lost the Presidency to the Republicans. He did not take sides. His sympathy with many of the Progress ive doctrines was manifested while he was Governor of New York, and the regularity of his Republicanism is disputed by no one. It would have been improper for him to take any active part in that campaign, and there was no occasion for him to express himself on the questions in volved in it. It was easy for him to avoid offending either the Progressives or the standpatters, though it is doubtful if he attempted to steer a middle course. He merely devoted himself to the business at hand, which was not political. He thereby became the one distinguished Republican of presidential size on whom both factions could unite without feeling that either was forcing concessions from the other, The plot to make him a presidential impossibility resulted in making him the man to whom thousands of Progress ives and standpat Republicans are looking with hope as the great harmonizer who

can lead the party to victory. The Office Likes to Seek the Man These circumstances have const with his temperamental peculiarities make him peculiarly available. He is not seeking the office and has not sought it. and has announced more than once that he is not a candidate and would prefer to remain on the bench, where the work is congenial and in line with his profession training. This attitude is pleasing to the great mass of Americans, who have always believed that the Presidency is too great an office for the seeking of any man. They have a fondness for deciding for themselves the man whom they wish to draft into their service in a great emergency, and the greater the reluciance of the man the greater is their desire to force him to do their bidding.

It is profitless to speculate upon what might have been; but few observers doubs that Hughes is stronger today because of the attempt to shelve him than if he had resumed the practice of his profession in New York after retiring from the New York Governorship. He may be a while kered Wilson; but if he is, there be those who have not forgotten that Samson's atrength was in his hair. Yet no one has characterized him as a Roossyelt who let his beard grow.

SELF-CRITICISM

Now that the city directory estimate there is that we have a population of 191348 arrange it would be well for a while to the a little more attention to quality be